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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Oscar L. AVANT et al.) Group Art Unit: 3653
Application No.: 09/652,707) Examiner: D. Schlak
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For: APPARATUS AND METHODS) Confirmation No.: 3487
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2004, the period for response to which has been extended through October 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth in the following pages.

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are included in the attached replacement drawing sheets. The amendments are discussed in the **Remarks** section of this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper, beginning on page 70.

Attachments to this amendment include **replacement drawing sheets**.